



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: State Clearinghouse
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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SUBJECT: Filing of the Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2005101123

PROJECT TITLE: Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Plan

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PROJECT LOCATION: Malibu Lagoon is a 31-acre shallow water embayment located within Malibu Lagoon State Beach at the terminus of the Malibu Creek Watershed, the second largest watershed draining into Santa Monica Bay. Malibu Lagoon empties into the Pacific Ocean at Malibu Surfrider Beach and is generally located south of the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Cross Creek Road in the City of Malibu, within Los Angeles County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Plan (Plan) presents a comprehensive and adaptive management approach to restore and enhance the ecological structure and function of Malibu Lagoon, improve lagoon and coastal water quality, and enhance visitors' experience through improvements to access and interpretive displays. The Plan includes a water management component, a habitat and access plan, and a comprehensive long-term monitoring plan to ensure restoration goals are being achieved. The Plan was selected out of a range of alternatives for its ability to achieve restoration goals while minimizing short-term impacts to the existing system. The restoration goals for the lagoon consist of: increased tidal flushing; improved water circulation; improved coastal water quality; increased holding capacity; reduced predator encroachment; restoration of typical salt marsh hydrology; increased wildlife habitat; creation of a nesting island for least terns and western snowy plovers; creation of channel connections to the lagoon; and integration of public access with habitat protection. Major physical components of the Plan consist of: a relocated parking lot and staging area; implementation of Best Management Practices to minimize impacts of storm water runoff; slope improvements to the western edge of the lagoon; improvements to the existing boat house channel; and the creation of a new channel along the southern edge of the west lagoon.

This is to advise that the California Department of Parks and Recreation has approved the above project and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. ☐ The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☒ were ☐ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings ☒ were ☐ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Angeles District, located at 1925 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, California, 91302.

Theodore Jackson, Jr.
Deputy Director
Park Operations

Date